

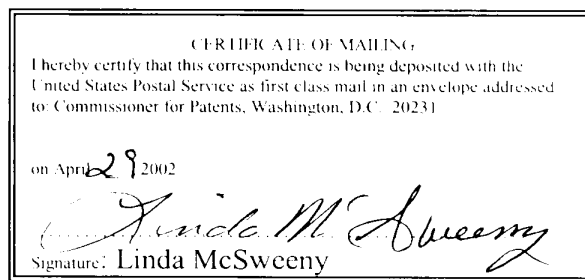


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Serial No.: 10,018,945) Examiner: NOT ASSIGNED
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A CORRUGATED TUBE HAVING A SLITTED
OPENING THAT EXTENDS ALONG A GENERATING LINE

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Dear Sir:

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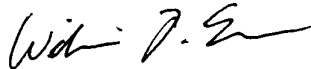
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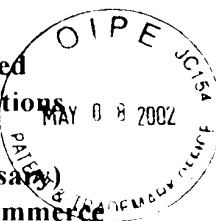
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